

CONGRESSIONAL.

The Past Hard Contests in This District Since 1860 to Date.

The Bolts—The Defeats—The Successes and the Battle To-Day.

The Figures by Which the People's Delegates Have Sought to Name the Man.

This congressional district has made history within the past few years to a considerable extent, and another notch will be cut to-day.

The following is the history of the conventions of the party since 1860 as far as could be gathered:

1860.

John W. Reed was the democratic candidate for congress. He was opposed by Rev. Frank Mitchell, who was the Bell and Everett candidate. Reed was elected. He now resides in Kansas City.

1862.

There was no democratic nomination this year. Joseph McClurg, of Camden county, run on the radical ticket and was elected without opposition.

1864.

Allen P. Richardson, of Cole county, was the democratic nominee, and Joseph McClurg the radical candidate. Of course McClurg was elected. Richardson now resides in Carthage, Mo., and is a hale hearty old gentleman.

1866.

Thomas L. Price, of Cole county, was the democratic nominee and McClurg the radical candidate for re-election. McClurg was elected.

1868.

The convention met in August in the old court house in Sedalia. The late A. C. Marvin was president of the convention. J. L. Smith, of Cole, put — Campbell, of Morgan, in nomination and H. C. Sinner, of Pettis, put Col. John F. Phillips, of Pettis in nomination. Col. Phillips was nominated on the first ballot.

Col. Phillips was at Warsaw attending court at the time of the convention. A committee was appointed to go to Warsaw to confer with Col. Phillips to see if he would accept the nomination, as it was not then as now. The question to be determined at that time was who was willing to make the race and be sacrificed. Col Phillips accepted and agreed to make the race.

He made a vigorous canvass, going to almost every precinct in the district. Of course he was beaten, as the race was a forlorn one. S. S. Burdett, the radical nominee was elected. Campbell now resides in California. Phillips resides in Kansas City.

1870.

The democracy held no convention that year in this, then the fifth district. The radicals met in convention in a church at Clinton, on the 16th of September, 1870, when K. G. Cooper, of Cole county, offered a resolution endorsing B. Gratz Brown, the liberal republican candidate for governor. The resolution was received with hisses and rejected. Cooper, King, Vose Hickox and many others withdrew when Mr. Burdett was nominated by acclamation.

THE BOLTERS

met immediately in the court house and organized by electing S. A. Vose, of Cole, president and J. A. Browder, of Moniteau, as secretary.

Frank Rodman, of Cole, Col. F. W. Hickox, of Pettis, Gen. Geo. R. Smith, of Pettis, and E. L. King, of Cole, were put in nomination.

King was declared the nominee on the fourth ballot.

King was the candidate of the liberals until October 22d the same year, when by some sort of a traffic, King withdrew and Gen. Smith was from that time until the end of the campaign the standard bearer of the liberals, and was voted for by the democrats generally.

Gen. Smith was beaten by Burdett, who was the last republican member this district had. Burdett's majority was 765.

We had almost overlooked the fact that in this campaign a very few ardent democrats supported Douglas Dale of Cass county, as the democratic candidate for congress. He received fifteen votes in Pettis county.

1872.

The Congressional Convention for 1872 met in Smith's Hall, this city, on August 29th.

There were 117 delegates in the convention. Dallas and Hickory counties were not represented.

A. M. Lay, of Jefferson City, was the temporary chairman of the convention, and John Montgomery, jr., the temporary secretary. Subsequently Major A. C. Marvin was

chosen permanent president and John Montgomery, jr., permanent secretary. T. T. Crittenden, W. Y. Pemberton and Judge G. W. Miller* were put in nomination before the convention for representative in congress.

FIRST BALLOT.

Crittenden.....57
Pemberton.....31
Miller.....28

Necessary to a choice 59.

After this ballot G. G. Vest was placed in nomination by J. C. Reed, of Moniteau county.

Mr. Vest refused to be a candidate.

After the third ballot a "dark horse" was named in the person of F. C. Nesbitt, of St. Clair.

FOURTH BALLOT.

Crittenden.....62
Vest.....27
Miller.....11
Nesbitt.....6

Crittenden was declared the nominee of the convention.

*Deceased.

1874.

The convention met at Clinton on September 3d. There were forty-five delegates in the convention.

Camden and Miller county were represented, but were not allowed seats in the convention because the votes were in the hands of proxies.

Hickory and Dallas counties not represented. Judge McCutchen, of Cooper, was temporary chairman and J. H. Johnston, of Cooper, Secretary.

John F. Phillips, T. T. Crittenden and A. M. Lay were put in nomination before the convention.

FIRST BALLOT.

Crittenden.....16
Lay.....15
Phillips.....14

Necessary to a choice 23.

The convention met on Thursday, September 3. They were in session at Clinton until Saturday night following.

During that time the convention voted 502 times, the last ballot being the same as the first.

The convention adjourned on Saturday night to meet in Sedalia, on Tuesday the 8th inst. at 7 o'clock p. m.

THE NEXT MEETING.

The convention was called to order pursuant to adjournment, at 7 p. m., September 8th, 1874.

During the intermission the delegates from Dallas and Hickory counties had been hunted up, and the principals in Camden and Miller were towed into Sedalia to vote.

The credentials of the delegate from Dallas were found to be informal and he was refused a seat in the convention.

503D BALLOT.

Crittenden.....18
Lay.....16
Phillips.....15

From this to the 690th ballot all were as above. Before the 691st ballot Lay withdrew, and the roll was called on the

691st BALLOT.

Phillips.....25
Crittenden.....23

1876.

The convention met in Smith's Hall at 11:30 a. m., September 5th.

Dr. Samuel Saunders, of Cooper, was the temporary chairman, and *J. E. Carter, of Cole, the permanent president.

Camden county was not represented.

There were four candidates before the convention this year, Messrs. Phillips, of Pettis, Lay*, of Cole, Owens*, of Moniteau, and Smith, of Hickory.

FIRST BALLOT.

Phillips.....21
Lay.....12
Owens.....9
Smith.....1

Necessary to a choice 22.

The 19th ballot was the same as the first and at 4:30 p. m. the convention adjourned until 7 o'clock p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

The convention met at 7 o'clock that night.

The name of Smith, of Hickory, was withdrawn.

Col. Owens of Moniteau, took the stand and withdrew his name from before the convention.

A. M. Lay, of Cole, did the same and the wildest enthusiasm prevailed. Messrs. Belch, Cosgrove and several others tried to get a hearing. Mr. Cosgrove succeeded in making himself heard, in a motion, that inasmuch as Col. Phillips was the only candidate before the convention, that he be declared the nominee by acclamation.

The chair declared the gentleman out of order, and that Mr. Belch had the floor.

Mr. Belch then proceeded to pay Col. T. T. Crittenden, of Johnson county, a high tribute and concluded amid the wildest excitement, in nominating that gentleman for congress.

Y. Pemberton, of Pettis, in nomination. Pemberton declined to be a candidate before the convention.

TWENTIETH BALLOT.

Benton, Crittenden, 2
Cole, " 4
Cooper, 3 for Crittenden, 3 for Phillips.

WITHDRAWS.

Phillips at this time took the stand and withdrew his name from before the convention.

The counties were then taken up where left off, at Cooper, and balloted as follows:

Johnson county, Crittenden.....7
Miller " ".....2
Moniteau " ".....13
Morgan " ".....1

Pettis and St. Clair did not vote.

The chairman announced the vote of Col. Crittenden to be twenty-three and a half, which was a majority of the delegates, and that gentleman was the nominee of the convention.

1878.

The district that year was the same as in 1876. The convention met in Thespius hall, Booneville, July 24th, at 11:30 a. m. Hon. Xenophon Ryland, of Lexington, was temporary chairman, and W. Y. Pemberton, of Sedalia, permanent chairman. A. M. Lay, of Cole county; T. T. Crittenden, of Johnson; Judge Young, of Lafayette, and — Rechow, of Polk, were the candidates before the convention. There were sixty-four votes in the convention. Pettis county had nine votes.

The first ballot was:

Lay.....24
Crittenden.....19
Young.....13
Rechow.....4

Convention adjourned that night at 11 o'clock until the next day, after casting 132 ballots.

The next morning the convention met and commenced balloting again.

Hon. A. M. Lay was nominated on the one hundred and seventy-first ballot, at 3:30 p. m., July 25th, by the following vote:

Lay.....33 7-10
Crittenden.....22 6-10
Young.....7 7-10

Pettis county all during the struggle cast her vote for Lay.

Mr. Lay was elected.

1880.

The convention met at Jefferson City August 18th, when Col. John F. Phillips was nominated without opposition.

Judge T. M. Rice, greenback-republican, of Cooper, was his opponent and was elected by 598 majority.

1882.

The first convention of the new district, the present one, was convened at Sedalia August 16th at the Riley building on Second street, then used as a circuit court room.

E. T. Rhea, of Benton county, called the convention to order and named Judge Jno. A. Lacy, of Sedalia, as temporary chairman, who was subsequently made permanent chairman.

John B. Clark, then member of Congress, E. P. Baldwin of Hickory county, John Cosgrove of Cooper and Col. E. C. Moore of Boone county, were put before the convention.

It was, after Dee Reese, of Benton, had seconded the nomination of Col. Moore, that a rumor was sent to the chairman that the building was breaking down, as a large crowd was present. Very adroitly was the information communicated to those assembled and the convention adjourned to Smith's Hall.

The first ballot stood:—

Clark.....30
Moore.....25
Cosgrove.....17
Baldwin.....2

The convention adjourned that night after taking 110 ballots, all substantially the same.

The next morning the convention met at Siche's park.

All day the convention continued to ballot and succeeded in getting in time and 396 ballots, all very nearly the same.

On the morning of the third day the convention met, and in place of going to voting they talked compromise, etc.

The 398th ballot resulted as follows:

Clark.....4
Benton.....13
Boone.....2
Camden.....2
Cooper.....2
Hickory.....2
Howard.....2
Moniteau.....2
Morgan.....2
Pettis.....2
Saline.....2

Total.....55 19

Mr. Cosgrove was declared the nominee and was elected over Aldredge, greenbacker, by a majority of 5,800.

The vote at the election in the district was as follows:

Clark.....4
Benton.....13
Boone.....2
Camden.....2
Cooper.....2
Hickory.....2
Howard.....2
Moniteau.....2
Morgan.....2
Pettis.....2
Saline.....2

Total.....55 19

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COUNTIES.

County	Cosgrove	Aldredge
Boone	3,020	957
Howard	1,718	1,268
Saline	3,214	1,692
Cooper	2,201	1,229
Pettis	2,708	2,118
Manitou	1,339	1,389
Morgan	1,887	839
Benton	989	1,196
Hickory	484	308
Camden	479	362
Total	17,370	11,349

Cosgrove's majority 5,800.

1884.

The convention this year met at the Park Hotel, and was called to order at 11 a. m. by Capt. A. A. Walker, chairman of the executive committee. The captain called upon Elder S. K. Hallum, one of the Pettis county delegates who invoked divine blessing, after which J. H. Lay, of Benton county, was introduced as temporary chairman.

At the afternoon session Mr. Lay was made permanent chairman with John Montgomery, Jr., as secretary, and T. S. Carter, J. West Goodwin and J. H. Davidson assistants.

Dee Reese, of Benton county, S. C. Majors, of Howard, E. C. Moore, of Boone, John Cosgrove, of Cooper, and John T. Heard, of Pettis, were put in nomination before the convention. On the first ballot the vote stood: Cosgrove, 19; Heard, 19; Moore, 18; Majors, 10; Reese, 8. After casting 100 ballots, late that night, the convention adjourned until the 24th, at 9 a. m. There were 74 delegates in the convention.

Balloting continued all next day with substantially the same result and when 377 ballots had been cast at 9:30 p. m. the convention adjourned until the 25th at 9 a. m.

This was the decisive day. All sorts of motions prevailed. Among others Mr. Bush, of Saline, offered the following resolution:

"Resolved, That this convention now proceed to ballot for a nomination, and if after ten ballots no choice is made, the candidate having the lowest number of votes on the tenth ballot, shall be dropped, and thereafter each succeeding ten ballots if no choice is made, the candidate having the lowest number of votes each succeeding tenth ballot, shall be dropped until a successful result shall be reached."

Col. Thos. Shackelford, of Howard county, who had voted for Majors, spoke against referring the matter back to the people, and made a strong argument in favor of the resolution.

J. H. Johnston, of Cooper, took the floor, and after telling a laughable anecdote to illustrate the position of the convention at the time, he asked that the proposition be voted on.

Mr. Bush, of Saline, took the floor and spoke at length against reference to the people and in support of the resolution offered. His address was a regular bungles and was full of logical arguments.

A. F. Rector, of Saline, took the floor and delivered a vigorous speech against referring the matter to the people and in favor of dropping the lowest candidate.

Calls of "question" came from all parts of the house, and then the vote was taken which resulted as follows:

Yeas—46; Nays,—28.

Only twelve ballots were cast that day, the last one 389 nominated John T. Heard about 3:30 p m which was as follows:

289TH BALLOT.

County	Cosgrove	Heard
Benton	3	1
Boone	1	13
Camden	1	2
Cooper	1	2
Hickory	1	2
Howard	1	2
Moniteau	1	2
Morgan	1	2
Pettis	1	2
Saline	1	2
Total	31	42

After the vote was announced and Heard declared the nominee, he was enthusiastically called for and came forward to the chairman's table and simply thanked the convention for the honor which they had conferred upon him. He had known what it was to win and what it was to lose. He promised a faithful discharge of his duties and said if he did not roll up a bigger majority in November in the district than he had ever known before he would never ask the party for its support again. He expressed the deepest admiration and esteem for his late competitor, and hoped that defeat might fall lightly and not with bitterness upon them.

Mr. Heard was opposed by Judge W. S. Shirk of Sedalia, Republican candidate who was defeated by 4,968 votes, 832 votes less than Cosgrove carried the district.

1886.

This year Polk and Dallas counties were added to the sixth district. Polk

gave Cleveland 1,545 votes and Blaine 1,938 votes in the presidential contest in 1884, and Dallas county gave Cleveland 687 votes and Blaine 1,364 votes.

There are 93 delegates in the convention this year, as follows:

BENTON COUNTY
J. W. Baker, Samuel Orr,
J. Ming, E. S. Feaster,
S. W. Davis.

BOONE COUNTY
L. O. Hockaday, F. W. Smith,
R. P. Glenn, Eli Porter,
J. L. Wilcox, H. T. Wright,
Jas. T. White, David Mayer,
S. G. Elliott, W. B. Hunt,
A. H. Jones, W. P. Robinson,
Jason W. Smith, Jerry Bush.

CAMDEN COUNTY
A. C. Ellis, J. K. Parmerly.

COOPER COUNTY
R. A. McCulloch, Marshal East,
E. H. Rogers, Austin Speed,
I. Q. Ragland, S. W. Roberts,
W. G. Pendleton, Dr. W. H. Cooper,
Geo. R. Cockrill, Pat F. Creagan.

DALLAS COUNTY
Frank Furth, S. H. Burris,
Haurey Morrow.

HICKORY COUNTY
Geo. Holmes, Harrison White,
W. F. Hickman.

HOWARD COUNTY
Wm. Averett, Thos. Magruder,
Wm. McKee, David G. Briggs,
Jno Farmington, proxy, John Gallemore,
Dr. J. Southwarth, Dr. V. Q. Bouham,
Capt. W. F. Cunningham.

MONITEAU COUNTY
T. T. Buchanan, Thos. Cummings,
Dr. O. A. Williams, S. U. Kelly,
R. M. Nicolson, John Sturgis.

MORGAN COUNTY
John A. Hannay, W. L. Abney,
R. A. Snorgrass, J. H. Stiffen,
Dr. H. R. Fish.

PETTIS COUNTY
Willis P. King, E. P. Scott,
Thos. G. Luman, Frank Craycroft,
Thos. B. Price, C. M. A. Chaney,
Jno. W. Baldwin, Chas. Carroll,
Jas. H. Doyle, E. A. Blair,
E. C. Bouldin, Dr. Ferguson.

POLK COUNTY
Jesse Olinger, S. B. Miles,
T. W. Cunningham, Wm. Lemon,
R. W. Richardson, J. L. Culbertson.

SALINE COUNTY
John T. Rhoads, William Piper,
Leslie O'Rear, Dr. M. T. Chastain,
Dr. John R. Hall, Joseph Meads,
S. M. Chestnut, G. E. McDaniel,
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